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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/617,805	Applicant(s) YAMASHITA ET AL.	
	Examiner Guiyoung Lee	Art Unit 2875	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 14 October 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-33 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3, 9, 10, 23-25, 31 and 32 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 4-8, 11-22, 26-30, and 33 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. 10/013,350.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

1. Receipt is acknowledged of the amendment filed 10/14/2005.
2. Claims 1-33 are pending.

Terminal Disclaimer

3. The terminal disclaimer filed on 10/14/2005 disclaiming the terminal portion of any patent granted on this application which would extend beyond the expiration date of the patent No. 6,669,350 has been reviewed and is accepted. The terminal disclaimer has been recorded.

Claim Objections

4. Claims 4-8, 11-22, 26-30, and 33 are objected to because of the following informalities: Applicant cancelled claims 4-8, 11-22, 26-30, and 33 in Continuation Patent Application Transmittal. However, no amendment shows this cancellation. Appropriate correction is required

Response to Arguments

5. Applicant's arguments, see the REMARKS, filed 10/14/2005, with respect to the rejection(s) of claim(s) 1-33 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting and the rejection of claims 1-3, 9-10, 23-25 and 31-32 have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, a new ground(s) of rejection is made in view of Toyoda (US 6,582,095 B1). The new ground of rejection follows.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

6. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

7. Claims 1-3, 9-10, 23-25, and 31-32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Toyoda (US 6,582,095 B1).

Re claims 1-2, 9-10, 23-24, and 31-32: Toyoda discloses at least one LED (4 in Fig. 2); a light guide (2) having a light incident face on which light emitted from the LED is incident, guiding the incident light and having a light emission face from which the incident light is emitted; and a light deflecting device (a rectangular transparent substrate 2 in Fig. 2) having a light incident face for controlling a direction of an emission light from said light guide, wherein the LED disposed at a corner portion (see Fig. 2), and many substantially arc-shaped elongated lenses (2a) are formed in parallel to each other on at least one surface of said light deflecting device so as to surround the LED.

Re claims 3 and 25: Toyoda's prisms have two prism faces.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Guiyoung Lee whose telephone number is 571-272-2374. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sandra O'Shea can be reached on 571-272-2378. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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